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Applicant:	Horvitz et al.	Art Unit:	1632
Serial No.:	09/993,420	Examiner:	S. Chen
Filed:	November 6, 2001	Customer No.:	21559
Title:	IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF A GENE WHICH PROTECTS CELLS FROM PROGRAMMED CELL DEATH AND USES THEREFOR		

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(b) and 1.181, Applicants hereby petition to have the Notice of Abandonment that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on July 27, 2004 withdrawn. A copy of the Notice is enclosed. According to the Notice, the application was abandoned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135 for Applicants' failure to reply to a Notice Regarding Drawings that was mailed on April 22, 2004. Prior to receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, the last Office communication received by Applicants was a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed on December 10, 2003. As set

forth below, Applicants filed a timely and complete reply to these Notices on February 19, 2004. Further, as noted below, the Notice Regarding Drawings referred to in the Notice of Abandonment was apparently mailed to an address associated with an unrelated application, and was never received by Applicants.

The undersigned, Applicants' attorney of record, first became aware of the abandonment on July 30, 2004, upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment and submits that this petition to withdraw the Notice is being promptly submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(1).

As shown on the enclosed Patent Application Information Retrieval ("PAIR") printout from August 17, 2004, the file history for USSN 09/993,420 does not indicate that a Notice Regarding Drawings was mailed in connection with this case. Applicants were able to view a copy of the Notice Regarding Drawings referred to in the Notice of Abandonment using the Image File Wrapper ("IFW") section of the PAIR site for USSN 09/993,420. (A copy of a printout of this Notice is enclosed.) Applicants note that the Notice Regarding Drawings bears a cover sheet for USSN 09/883,420 and a mailing address for a party other than the instant Applicants' representative. Further, the application serial number at the top of the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review attached to the Notice Regarding Drawings is illegible on the copy posted on the

IFW. Thus, Applicants submit that the record is unclear as to whether the Notice Regarding Drawings refers to the present application.

Applicants submit that on February 19, 2004, they filed a complete reply to the last communication received from the Office (the Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance). A copy of the Reply, as filed, is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the postcard included with the Reply which bears a USPTO stamp dated February 23, 2004. Under M.P.E.P. § 503, this return postcard serves as *prima facie* evidence that the listed items were received by the USPTO on February 23, 2004.

Also enclosed is an original signed declaration by Kristina Bieker-Brady, Ph.D., P.C., attesting on the basis of personal knowledge that the above documents were timely filed on February 19, 2004, and that the Notice Regarding Drawings mailed April 22, 2004 was not received.

Applicants note that the Notice of Allowability mailed on December 10, 2003 indicates that “the drawings filed on 05 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner” (see box 3 of the enclosed copy of the Notice of Allowability). Nonetheless, while the Notice Regarding Drawings was apparently mailed in connection with an unrelated application, Applicants, in good faith, herewith submit corrected drawings for Figures 2, 7, and 11. These corrected drawings contain no new matter.

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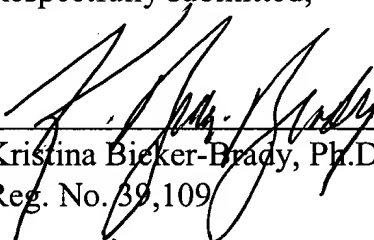
Applicants submit that the reply to the last Office communication was timely filed, that the Notice Regarding Drawings mailed April 22, 2004 was never received, that all known requirements have been fulfilled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn and the application be allowed to proceed to issuance.

If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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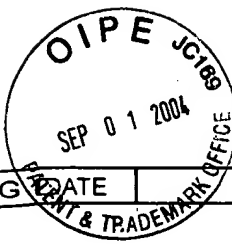
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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 4/22/14

☐ A reply (with Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____ which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.

☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).

☐ A reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a *bona fide* attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in the last box below).

☒ No reply has been received.

☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) (or Notice of Publication Fee Due).

☐ The submitted fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. A balance of \$ _____ is due.
The issue fee by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____. The publication fee, if required, by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$ _____.

☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, have not been received.

☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).

☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.

☐ No corrected drawings have been received.

☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all the applicants.

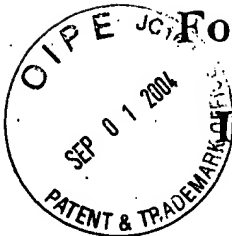
☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon filing of a continuing application.

☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

☐ The reason(s) below: _____
Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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Attachment to Notice of Abandonment



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Information is also available on the USPTO Internet web site:
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Respond to the Notice of Abandonment by one of the following:

1. Petition To Withdraw Holding of Abandonment (See MPEP 711.03(c) I and 37 CFR § 1.181) No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., a reply was in fact filed), a petition under 37 CFR § 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action. Any petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment not filed within 2 months of the mail date of a Notice of Abandonment may be dismissed as untimely under 37 CFR § 1.181(f). In order for a petition to be granted, the evidence must be sufficient according to 37 CFR § 1.8(b) Certificate of Mailing, 37 CFR § 1.10 "Express Mail" mailing or MPEP 503 Postcard Receipt as Prima Facie Evidence. The petition should be addressed as follows:

By mail: Mail Stop: Issue Fee, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
By facsimile: 703-872-9306

2. Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment Based On Failure To Receive Office Action (MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR § 1.181). No fee required

Where an applicant contends that the original Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was never received, if adequately supported, the Office may grant the petition and remail the Office action. The showing required establishing non-receipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

Petition should be addressed to the Technology Center handling the application as follows:

By mail: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
By facsimile: 703-872-9306

3. Petition To Revive An Abandoned Application (See MPEP 711.03(c) III)

Where there is no dispute as to whether an application is abandoned (e.g., the applicant's contentions merely involve the cause of abandonment) a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137 (a) or (b) (accompanied by the appropriate petition fee) is necessary to revive the abandoned application. The text of these rules is available on the USPTO Internet Web site. Forms for these petitions, "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unavoidably Under 37 CFR § 1.137(a)," PTO/SB/61, and "Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)," PTO/SB/64, are available in the forms section of the USPTO website: <http://www.uspto.gov>.

Petitions under 37 CFR § 1.137 should be addressed to the Office of Petitions as follows:

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Note: Abandonment takes place by operation of law for failure to reply to an Office action or timely pay the issue fee, not by operation of the mailing of a Notice of Abandonment



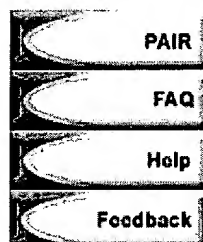
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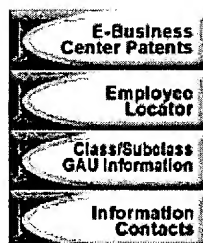
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Application Number:	09/993,420	Customer Number:	21559
Filing or 371(c) Date:	11-06-2001	Status:	Abandonment for Failure to Correct Drawings/Oath/NonPub Request
Application Type:	Utility	Status Date:	07-27-2004
Examiner Name:	CHEN, SHIN LIN	Location:	ELECTRONIC
Group Art Unit:	1632	Location Date:	-
Confirmation Number:	1286	Earliest Publication No:	US 2003-0064476 A1
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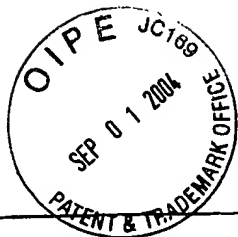
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05-03-2004	Workflow - Query Request - Finish
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04-16-2004	Workflow - Query Request - Begin
04-13-2004	Receipt into Pubs
04-06-2004	Application Is Considered Ready for Issue
02-23-2004	Mailroom Date of Issue Fee Payment
11-06-2001	Workflow - Drawings Finished
03-26-2004	Receipt into Pubs
02-23-2004	Issue Fee Payment Recorded
01-30-2004	Notification of Terminal Disclaimer - Accepted
01-08-2004	Workflow - File Sent to Contractor
12-23-2003	terminal disclaimer fee paid
12-04-2003	Terminal Disclaimer Filed
12-17-2003	Correspondence Address Change
12-01-2003	Terminal Disclaimer Filed
12-10-2003	Mail Notice of Allowance
12-10-2003	Mail Notification of Terminal Disclaimer - Accepted
12-09-2003	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed
12-09-2003	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
12-09-2003	Issue Revision Completed
12-09-2003	Notice of Allowability
12-04-2003	Notification of Terminal Disclaimer - Accepted
10-03-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner
09-15-2003	Response after Non-Final Action
09-15-2003	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
09-15-2003	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
03-12-2003	Mail Non-Final Rejection
03-08-2003	Non-Final Rejection
09-04-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
08-27-2002	Application Dispatched from OIPE
08-25-2002	Receipt of all Acknowledgement Letters
08-16-2002	Application Is Now Complete
07-26-2002	A set of symbols and procedures, provided to the PTO on a set of computer listings, that describe in
07-26-2002	CRF Disk Has Been Received by Preexam / Group / PCT
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Examiner
HAAS, WENDY

Art. Unit
1661

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Notice Regarding Drawings

Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on 11-6-01 are still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two-month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b).** Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.

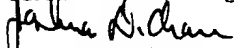
ATTACHMENT: PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review

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NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 11-6-01 are:

- A. ☐ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
B. ☒ objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected drawings are required.

1. **DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required).

☐ Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) _____
☐ Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) _____

2. **PHOTOGRAPHS.** 37 CFR 1.84(b)

☐ One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____
☐ Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)
☐ Photographs must meet paper size requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(f). Fig(s) _____
☐ Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

3. **TYPE OF PAPER.** 37 CFR 1.84(e)

☐ Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) _____
☐ Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) _____

4. **SIZE OF PAPER.** 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

☐ 21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4) or
☐ 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)
☐ All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) _____

☐ Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) _____

5. **MARGINS.** 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm

☒ Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) 2, 11
☒ Top (T) ☒ Left (L)
☐ Right (R) ☐ Bottom (B)

6. **VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(h)

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig 1B and Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed.

☒ Views not labeled separately or properly.

Fig(s) 2, 7

7. **SECTIONAL VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)

☐ Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____

8. **ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(i)

☐ Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____

9. **SCALE.** 37 CFR 1.84(k)

☐ Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s) _____

10. **CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS.** 37 CFR 1.84(l)

☐ Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) _____

11. **SHADING.** 37 CFR 1.84(m)

☐ Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____
☐ Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____

12. **NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS.** 37 CFR 1.84(p)

☐ Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) _____
☐ Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____
☐ Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) Fig(s) _____
☐ English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) Fig(s) _____
☐ Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least 32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3). Fig(s) _____

13. **LEAD LINES.** 37 CFR 1.84(q)

☐ Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____
14. **NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.84(t)

☐ Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numbers beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____

15. **NUMBERING OF VIEWS.** 37 CFR 1.84(u)

☐ Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____

16. **DESIGN DRAWINGS.** 37 CFR 1.152

☐ Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____
☐ Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s) _____

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

In reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on December 10, 2003, and having confirmation number 1286, and the Notice of Allowability mailed on December 10, 2003, enclosed are:

- ☒ A completed fee transmittal form PTOL-85; and
- ☒ A check for \$995.00 to cover the issue fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(a) of \$665.00, the publication fee of \$300.00, and the patent copy fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.19(a)(1)(i) of \$30.00 for ten patent copies.

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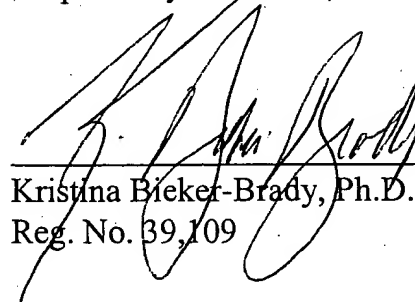
Please note that the entity status of this application has changed. Applicants hereby claim small entity status, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date:

February 19, 2004



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Certificate of Mailing or Transmission

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Christine M. Colbert	(Depositor's name)
<i>Christine M. Colbert</i>	(Signature)
February 19, 2004	(Date)

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APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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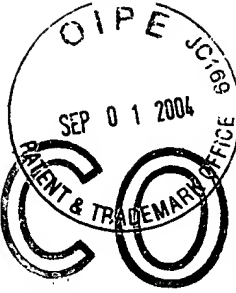
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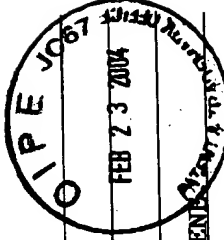
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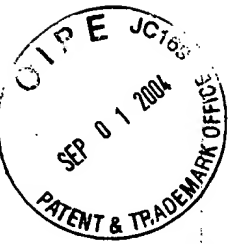
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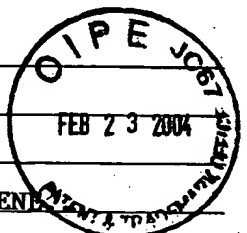
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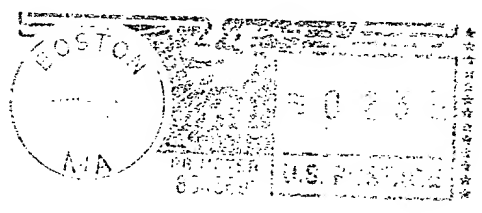
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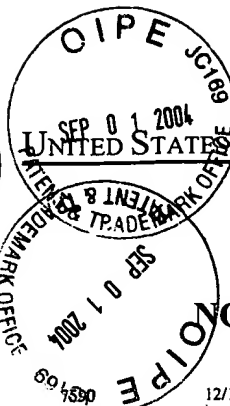


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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/993,420	11/06/2001	H. Robert Horvitz	01997/201006	1286

TITLE OF INVENTION: IDENTIFICATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF A GENE WHICH PROTECTS CELLS FROM PROGRAMMED CELL DEATH AND USES THEREFOR

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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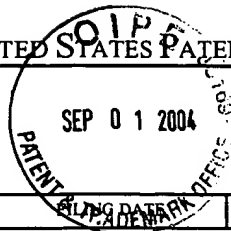
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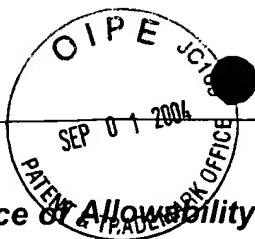
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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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DUE DATE 3-10-04
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9-15-03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
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8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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